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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, AL/MD

ATTENTION: []

SUBJECT: Medical Facilities in Germany

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- [] 1. This memorandum is pursuant to a conversation between [] and [] of this office this date.

2. Because this office has recently experienced difficulty in insuring the physical fitness of certain Albanians in our employ in Germany, it is requested that your office review the medical facilities available to Projects BGFIEND and QKSTAIR in the area under the jurisdiction of the OPC German field station.

3. Project BGFIEND has established a guard company near Munich, Germany, which is used as a holding area for potential agents. The capacity of this guard company is now 250 men, and plans are under way to expand the facilities so that they will have a maximum capacity of 500 men. As Albanians are recruited throughout Europe and the Near East, they are given physical examinations by indigenous physicians, retained by field project officers, prior to their assignment to this guard company. From time to time an assessment team visits the guard company and assesses all its members to determine which ones are suitable for further training and use under the project. As the need arises, the best available candidates, selected on the basis of this assessment, are removed from the guard company and transferred to our covert school, also near Munich, where they receive the necessary operational training. It is understood that the men selected for training are given another physical examination prior to their assignment to the school.

4. For reasons unknown to us, three men among the most recent group assigned to the covert school were physically unfit for training. One arrived with syphilis, one with tuberculosis, and one with a bad case of ulcers. Not only are these men unsuitable for training but they endanger the cover of the school due to their need of medical attention and they present our already overtaxed staff with a difficult disposal problem.

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5. In order to avoid future instances such as the one described in Paragraph 4 above, your review of medical facilities and procedures pertaining to Project BGFRIEND'S installation in Germany is urgently requested. Because Project QKSTAIR will soon have similar facilities and therefore similar problems, this seems an appropriate time to devise a permanent solution to the problem of medical examinations and care for all EE-1 personnel based in Germany.

6. Your cooperation in this matter will be very much appreciated.

[]
Chief, EE-1

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